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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of November 24, 2004, in which the three-month shortened statutory period for responding thereto is extended from February 24, 2005 to March 24, 2005 in response to a request for a one-month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.